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SUBJECT: MALI UNYIELDING ON KOREAN RESOLUTION

REF: A. STATE 270809 NOTAL; B. BAMA KO 4162

1. DCM TELEPHONED FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR GENERAL ALIDOU TOURE NOVEMBER 17 IN LAST DITCH EFFORT TO GAIN SUPPORT FOR FRIENDLY KOREAN RESOLUTION. THIS WAS FOLLOW-UP TO NOVEMBER 13 DISCUSSION AT FRENCH EMBASSY RECEPTION AND WAS PUT IN TERMS OF MALI'S VOTE AGAINST US ON PUERTO RICAN RESOLUTION AUGUST 20, AMBASSADOR KANTE'S HOSTILE SPEECH OF OCTOBER 28 AT UN AND NOW OUR DIFFERENCES ON KOREA.

2. TOURE REPLIED WITH ASPERITY THAT IT WAS NOT GOOD TO "DRAMATIZE" SUCH ISSUES. KANTE'S SPEECH, HE SAID HAD BEEN OVERLY DETAILED, UNNECESSARILY POINTED AND THE PROBLEM SHOULD NOT ARISE IN THE FUTURE, AS FOREIGN MINISTER HAD TOLD AMBASSADOR NOV. 7 (REF B).

3. DCM ASKED ABOUT PUERTO RICO. TOURE SUGGESTED A TALK IN HIS OFFICE ON THAT SUBJECT AND A DATE WAS SET FOR NOVEMBER 20.

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4. DCM SAID THAT SINCE RELATIONS BETWEEN U.S. AND MALI

"WERE NOT GOOD", IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF MALI RECOGNIZED
THE VITAL IMPORTANCE OF KOREA TO U.S. TOURE REPLIED THAT THEIR
UN DELEGATION HAD RECEIVED ITS GENERAL ORDERS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE
FROM BAMAKO AND WOULD VOTE "ON PRINCIPLE" AND TOGETHER WITH THE
AFRICAN AND NON-ALIGNED BLOC. THERE WERE SOME COUNTRIES, HE SAID,
THAT INCESSANTLY PASSED INSTRUCTIONS TO THEIR UN DELEGATIONS.
MALI DID NOT; THE "STRATEGY" TO BE FOLLOWED WAS DETERMINED
AT THE UN BY ITS DELEGATION.
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